Ratio of Agro Products to Gross Domestic Products

†*371. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that share of Agro Products to Gross Domestic Products of the country is continuously declining;

(b) if so, the percentage of such contribution in the last five years;

(c) the etimated percentage of such share at present; and

(d) the factors responsible for continuous decline in the above share?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. According to the National Accounts Statistics compiled and released by the Central Statistical Organisation (CSO) the share of Agriculture including Animal Husbandry, Forestry and Fishing in the Gross Demestic Product (GDP) has been declining. The percentage contribution of Agriculture to GDP for the last five years from 1994-95 is as under:—

Year	Percent Share of Agriculture in GDP at 1993-94 Prices
1994-95	29.7
1995-96	27.6
1996-97	28.0
1997-98	26.4
1998-99	26.8

(c) The estimate of the share of Agriculture in GDP for the year 1999-2000 has not been released by CSO.

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(d) As a result of the process of economic growth and development the share of Agriculture Sector in GDP tends to decline. The continuous decline in the share of Agriculture is due to the continued higher growth that has been taking place in the other sectors of the economy

Production of Coarse Grains and Fodder Crops in Gujarat

*372. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Central scheme for increasing production and productivity of coarse grains and fodder crops is being implemented in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what results have, so far, been achieved in the State in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) To supplement the efforts of the State Government to increase the production and productivity of coarse cereals and fodder crops, the following schemes are being implemented in Gujarat State:—

I. Coarse Grains:—

(i) Centrally Sponsored Integrated Cereals Development Programme in Coarse Cereals Based Cropping System Areas (ICDP-Coarse Cereals).

(ii) Centrally Sponsored Accelearated Maize Development Programme.

(iii) Central Sector Minikit Demonstration Programme on Coarse Cereals.